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CHAPTER 155

HOUSE BILL 2477

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 45-576, 45-576.02, 45-576.03, 45-578, 45-802.01, 45-859.01, 45-871.01, 45-877.01, 45-2427, 48-3701 AND 48-3710, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 48-3713, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2000, CHAPTER 142, SECTION 2; AMENDING SECTION 48-3713, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2000, CHAPTER 142, SECTION 3; REPEALING SECTION 48-3713, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2000, CHAPTER 145, SECTION 1; AMENDING SECTIONS 48-3772 AND 48-3774, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 48, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 48-3774.01; AMENDING SECTIONS 48-3775, 48-3776, 48-3778 AND 48-3780, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 48, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3780.01; AMENDING SECTION 48-3781, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; BLENDING MULTIPLE ENACTMENTS; RELATING TO MULTI-COUNTY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)



Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 45-576, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

45-576. Certificate of assured water supply; designated cities, towns and private water companies; exemptions; definition

- A. A person who proposes to offer subdivided lands, as defined in section 32-2101, for sale or lease in an active management area shall apply for and obtain a certificate of assured water supply from the director prior to presenting the plat for approval to the city, town or county in which the land is located, where such is required, and prior to filing with the state real estate commissioner a notice of intention to offer such lands for sale or lease, pursuant to section 32-2181, unless the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an assured water supply pursuant to this section.
- B. A city, town or county may approve a subdivision plat only if the subdivider has obtained a certificate of assured water supply from the director or the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an assured water supply pursuant to this section. The city, town or county shall note on the face of the approved plat that a certificate of assured water supply has been submitted with the plat or that the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the proposed subdivision from a city, town or private water company designated as having an assured water supply pursuant to this section.
- C. The state real estate commissioner may issue a public report authorizing the sale or lease of subdivided lands only if the subdivider, owner or agent has obtained a certificate of assured water supply from the director AND HAS PAID ANY REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 48-3774.01, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 2 or IF the subdivider has obtained a written commitment of water service for the lands from a city, town or private water company designated as having an assured water supply pursuant to this section.
- D. The director shall designate private water companies in active management areas that have an assured water supply. If a city or town acquires a private water company which THAT has contracted for central Arizona project water, the city or town shall assume the private water company's contract for central Arizona project water.
- E./ The director shall designate cities and towns in active management areas where an assured water supply exists. If a city or town has entered into a contract for central Arizona project water, the city or town is deemed to continue to have an assured water supply until December 31, 1997. Commencing on January 1, 1998, the determination that the city or town has

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an assured water supply is subject to review by the director and the director may determine that a city or town does not have an assured water supply.

- The director shall notify the mayors of all cities and towns in active management areas and the chairmen of the boards of supervisors of counties in which active management areas are located of the cities, towns and private water companies designated as having an assured water supply and any modification of that designation within thirty days of the designation IF THE SERVICE AREA OF THAT CITY, TOWN OR PRIVATE WATER COMPANY HAS QUALIFIED AS A MEMBER SERVICE AREA OF A CONSERVATION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO TITLE 48, CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE 4, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ALSO NOTIFY THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF THE DESIGNATION OR MODIFICATION AND SHALL REPORT THE PROJECTED ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATION FOR THE MEMBER SERVICE AREA BASED ON THE PROJECTED AND COMMITTED ANNUAL DEMAND FOR WATER WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA DURING THE EFFECTIVE TERM OF THE DESIGNATION OR MODIFICATION SUBJECT TO ANY LIMITATION IN AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY, TOWN OR PRIVATE WATER COMPANY. Persons proposing to offer subdivided lands served by those designated cities, towns and private water companies for sale or lease are exempt from applying for and obtaining a certificate of assured water supply.
- G. This section does not apply in the case of the sale of lands for developments which THAT are subject to a mineral extraction and processing permit or an industrial use permit pursuant to sections 45-514 and 45-515.
- H. The director shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section no later than January 1, 1995.
- I. For purposes of this section, "assured water supply" means all of the following:
- 1. Sufficient groundwater, surface water or effluent of adequate quality will be continuously available to satisfy the water needs of the proposed use for at least one hundred years. Beginning January 1 of the calendar year following the year in which a groundwater replenishment district is required to submit its preliminary plan pursuant to section 45-576.02, subsection A, paragraph 1, with respect to an applicant that is a member of the district, "sufficient groundwater" for purposes of this paragraph means that the proposed groundwater withdrawals that the applicant will cause over a period of one hundred years will be of adequate quality and will not exceed, in combination with other withdrawals from land in the replenishment district, a depth to water of one thousand feet or the depth of the bottom of the aquifer, whichever is less. In determining depth to water for the purposes of this paragraph, the director shall consider the combination of:
 - (a)() The existing rate of decline.
 - _→(b) The proposed withdrawals.
- (c) The expected water requirements of all recorded lots that are not yet/served water and that are located in the service area of a municipal provider.

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- 2. The projected groundwater use is consistent with the management plan and achievement of the management goal for the active management area.
- 3. The financial capability has been demonstrated to construct the water facilities necessary to make the supply of water available for the proposed use, including a delivery system and any storage facilities or treatment works. The director may accept evidence of the construction assurances required by section 9-463.01, 11-806.01 or 32-2181 to satisfy this requirement.
- Sec. 2. Section 45-576.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

45-576.02. Replenishment district plans, conservation district plans and water district plans

- A. A groundwater replenishment district that is established pursuant to title 48, chapter 27 shall submit to the director:
- 1. On or before January 1 of the second calendar year following the year in which the district is established, a preliminary plan describing the activities that the district proposes to undertake during the seventeen calendar years following submittal of the preliminary plan.
- 2. On or before January 1 of the twelfth calendar year following the year in which the district is established, a long-range plan describing the district's proposed activities through the first calendar year in which achieving safe-yield is required.
 - B. The district's plan shall include:
- 1. An estimate of the district members' replenishment obligations that will arise during the planning period.
- 2. A description of water resources that are expected to be available to the district during the planning period.
- 3. A description of any facilities and projects to be used for replenishment during the planning period.
- 4. An analysis of potential groundwater replenishment sites in each groundwater sub-basin in the district.
- 5. A description of the district's financial capabilities and financial requirements that are necessary to address the district members' replenishment obligations during the planning period.
- 6. A description of the district's current capability to meet the district members' replenishment obligations for the five calendar years following the calendar year in which the district submits its plan.
 - 7. Any other information that the director may reasonably require.
- C. A conservation district that is established pursuant to title 48, chapter 22, article 4 shall submit to the director THE FOLLOWING:
- 1. On or before June 1, 1994, and on or within one year before January 1 of every tenth calendar year thereafter, commencing on January 1, 2004, a plan describing the activities that the conservation district proposes to undertake during the twenty calendar years following submitting the plan. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, the plan shall include

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the following information for each active management area in which a member land or member service area is or may be located:

- 1. (a) An estimate of the conservation district's current and projected groundwater replenishment obligations, as that term is defined and used in title 48, chapter 22, for the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
- 2. (b) A description of water resources that are expected to be available to the conservation district for replenishment purposes during the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
- 3. (c) A description of any facilities and projects to be used for replenishment purposes during the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
- 4. (d) An analysis of potential groundwater replenishment sites in each groundwater sub-basin.
- 5. (e) A description of the conservation district's financial capabilities and financial requirements that are necessary to address the conservation district's groundwater replenishment obligations during the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
- 6. (f) A description of the conservation district's current capability to meet the current and projected groundwater replenishment obligations for the five calendar years following the calendar year in which the conservation district submits the plan.
- 7. (g) If a water district has adopted an ordinance or resolution to undertake water district groundwater replenishment obligations pursuant to section 48-4971, subsection A, a description of central Arizona project water that may be available to the water district for replenishment purposes during the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
 - 8. (h) Any other information that the director may require.
- 2. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2005 AND WITHIN ONE YEAR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EVERY TENTH CALENDAR YEAR THEREAFTER, A PLAN DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITIES FOR EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA THAT THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROPOSES TO UNDERTAKE DURING THE ONE HUNDRED CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING SUBMITTING THE PLAN. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA IN WHICH A MEMBER LAND OR MEMBER SERVICE AREA IS OR MAY BE LOCATED:
- (a) THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THOSE OBLIGATIONS HAVE BEEN MET IN THE TEN YEARS PRECEDING SUBMITTAL OF THE PLAN.
- (b) AN ESTIMATE OF THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S CURRENT AND PROJECTED GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED AND USED IN TITLE 48, CHAPTER 22, FOR CURRENT MEMBERS FOR THE TWENTY CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROJECTED GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR THE ONE HUNDRED CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN FOR CURRENT MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS BASED ON REASONABLE PROJECTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AND SERVICE AREAS

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- (c) A DESCRIPTION OF THE WATER RESOURCES THAT THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLANS TO USE FOR REPLENISHMENT PURPOSES DURING THE TWENTY CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN AND WATER RESOURCES POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT PURPOSES DURING THE SUBSEQUENT EIGHTY CALENDAR YEARS.
- (d) A DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT REPLENISHMENT RESERVE ACTIVITIES IN EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA FOR THE TEN YEARS PRECEDING THE CURRENT PLAN AND PLANNED REPLENISHMENT RESERVE ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENSUING TEN YEARS TO BE UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3772. SUBSECTION E.
- (e) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY FACILITIES AND PROJECTS TO BE USED FOR REPLENISHMENT AND THE REPLENISHMENT CAPACITY AVAILABLE TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT DURING THE TWENTY CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN.
- (f) AN ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL STORAGE FACILITIES THAT MAY BE USED BY THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR REPLENISHMENT PURPOSES.
- (g) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S CAPABILITY TO MEET THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR THE TWENTY CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUBMITS THE PLAN.
 - (h) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY REQUIRE.
- D. The information required by subsection C, paragraphs 2 and 6 PARAGRAPH 1, SUBDIVISIONS (b) AND (f) AND PARAGRAPH 2. SUBDIVISIONS (c) AND (g) of this section need not be included in a conservation district's plan if the conservation district demonstrates to the director that it has obtained an allocation of central Arizona project water OR OTHER WATER SUPPLIES DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ASSURED WATER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-576 in an amount that equals or exceeds the projected groundwater replenishment obligation for the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan. If the conservation district demonstrates to the director that it has obtained an allocation of central Arizona project water OR OTHER WATER SUPPLIES DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ASSURED WATER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-576 in an amount that is less than the projected groundwater replenishment obligation for the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan, the information required by subsection C, paragraphs 2 and 6 PARAGRAPH 1, SUBDIVISIONS (b) AND (f) AND PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISIONS (c) AND (g) of this section shall be submitted only for the amount of the obligation in excess of the TOTAL amount of the CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT WATER allocation AND OTHER SUPPLIES. The director shall quantify the amount of an allocation of central Arizona project water associated with a nondeclining municipal and industrial subcontract on the basis of the amount of the 43 contract. The director shall quantify the amount of an allocation of central Arizona project water associated with a subcontract other than a nondeclining

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municipal and industrial subcontract on the basis of the reliability of the source.

- E. A water district shall submit to the director on or before June 1 of the calendar year following the year in which the water district has adopted an ordinance or resolution to undertake the water district groundwater replenishment obligations under section 48-4971, and on or within one year before each date on which a plan is required to be submitted by the conservation district under subsection C of this section, a plan describing the replenishment activities that the water district proposes to undertake during the twenty calendar years following the submittal of the plan. The plan shall include the following information for the active management area in which the water district is located:
- 1. An estimate of the water district's current and projected water district groundwater replenishment obligation, as that term is defined and used in title 48, chapter 28, for the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
- 2. A description of water resources that are expected to be available to the water district for replenishment purposes during the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
- 3. A description of any facilities and projects to be used for replenishment purposes during the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
- 4. An analysis of potential groundwater replenishment sites in each groundwater sub-basin.
- 5. A description of the water district's financial capabilities and financial requirements that are necessary to address the water district groundwater replenishment obligation during the twenty calendar years following the submission of the plan.
- 6. A description of the water district's current capability to meet the current and projected water district groundwater replenishment obligation for the five calendar years following the calendar year in which the water district submits the plan.
 - 7. Any other information that the director may require.
- F. For each plan submitted by the water district, the water district may incorporate applicable portions of the conservation district's plan.
- Sec. 3. Section 45-576.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

45-576.03. <u>Director's review of plans</u>

A. Within sixty days after receiving a groundwater replenishment district's preliminary and long-range plans pursuant to section 45-576.02, the director shall determine if the district has submitted sufficient information to determine whether the district's plan for operation is consistent with the management goal of the active management area. If the director determines that the information is insufficient for such a determination, the director shall notify the district of the insufficiency

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in writing and shall specify what additional information is required. The district shall provide the information to the director within thirty days after receiving the notice.

- On determining that the district's preliminary or long-range plan is complete, the director shall publish notice in a newspaper of general statewide circulation once each week for two consecutive weeks:
- Requesting public comment concerning information supplied by the district to meet the requirements of section 45-576.02.
- 2. Setting a date and location of a public hearing to be held pursuant to subsection C of this section.
- C. The director shall hold a public hearing within sixty days after the last day of notice under subsection B of this section. The hearing shall be conducted in an informal manner without adhering to the rules of evidence required in judicial proceedings. Any person, including the department, shall have an opportunity to comment on or to present evidence concerning the submitted plan.
- D. The district shall respond in writing to all public comments whether received at the hearing or otherwise received by a date announced by the director.
- E. Within one hundred twenty days after the hearing on the preliminary plan, the director shall issue a preliminary decision determining whether or not the plan for district operation shall be designated as being consistent with achieving the management goal. If the director determines that the preliminary plan for district operation is consistent with achieving the management goal, the designation expires on January 1 of the thirteenth calendar year following the calendar year in which the district is established. Within one hundred twenty days after the hearing on the long-range plan, the director shall issue a final decision determining whether or not the plan for district operation shall be designated as being consistent with achieving the management goal. The director shall include findings with the decision and a summary of all public comments received in writing and public comments made at the public hearing.
- F. The director shall issue a decision that the district's plan for operation is consistent with achieving the management goal if the director finds that the district has the current capability to meet the district members' replenishment obligations for the five calendar years following the calendar year in which the district submits its plan and, in addition, the director makes either of the following findings, as applicable:
- If the director is evaluating the preliminary plan, that the district has established an adequate plan for obtaining financing and water resources that are necessary to meet the district members' replenishment obligations through the eighteenth calendar year following the year in which the district is established.

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- 2. If the director is evaluating the long-range plan, that the district has established an adequate plan to meet the projected replenishment obligations through the first calendar year in which achieving safe-yield is required.
- G. Unless the district successfully appeals the director's decision pursuant to subsection H of this section, if the director has made a determination that the district's plan for operation is not consistent with achieving the management goal, the director shall notify the district of the inconsistency in writing and shall specify how the district's plan for operation is inconsistent with achieving the management goal. The district shall modify its proposed plan and resubmit the plan, and the director shall review the plan as provided by section 45-576.02 and this section, except that the director shall only hold a hearing regarding those matters that the district has modified in its resubmitted plan.
- H. The director's determination under subsection E of this section is subject to rehearing or review and to judicial review as provided in section 45-114, subsection C, but the court shall not issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to prevent the director from acting under this chapter while the action is pending.
- Within sixty days after receiving a conservation district's plan or a water district's plan pursuant to section 45-576.02, the director shall determine if the conservation district or water district, as the case may be, has submitted sufficient information to determine whether the conservation district's plan for operation is consistent with the management goals of each of the active management areas in which a member land or member service area is or may be located or whether the water district's plan for operation is consistent with the management goal of the active management area in which a water district member land or a water district member service area is or may be located. If the director determines that the information is insufficient for such a determination, the director shall notify the conservation district or water district, as the case may be, of the insufficiency in writing and shall specify what additional information is required. The conservation district or water district, as the case may be, shall provide the information to the director within a reasonable time as specified by the director.
- J. On determining that the conservation district's plan or the water district's plan, as the case may be, is complete, the director shall publish notice in a newspaper of general statewide circulation once each week for two consecutive weeks:
- 1. Requesting public comment concerning information supplied by the conservation district or water district, as the case may be, to meet the requirements of section 45-576.02.
- 2. Setting a date and location of a public hearing to be held pursuant to subsection K of this section.

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- K. The director shall hold a public hearing within sixty days after the last day of the notice under subsection J of this section. The hearing shall be conducted in an informal manner without adhering to the rules of evidence required in judicial proceedings. Any person, including the department, shall have an opportunity to comment on or to present evidence concerning the submitted plan.
- L. The conservation district or the water district, as the case may be, shall respond in writing to all public comments whether received at the hearing or otherwise received by a date announced by the director.
- Within sixty days after the hearing on the first plan required under section 45-576.02, subsection C or the first plan required under section 45-576.02, subsection E and within one hundred twenty days after the hearing on any subsequent plan required under section 45-576.02, subsection C or E, the director shall issue a decision for each of the active management areas in which a member land or member service area is or may be located, and the active management area in which a water district member land or water district member service area is or may be located, determining whether or not the plan submitted with respect to an active management area shall be designated as being consistent with achieving the management goal of the active management area. If the director determines that the plan submitted for an active management area is consistent with achieving the management goal of that active management area, the designation expires on January 1 of the year following the year in which the conservation district or the water district, as the case may be, is required to submit its next plan under section 45-576.02, subsections C and E. The director shall include findings with the decision and a summary of all public comments received in writing and public comments made at the public hearing.
- N. The director shall issue a decision MAKE A DETERMINATION that the conservation district's plan is consistent with achieving the management goal of an FOR EACH active management area if the director finds that the conservation district has the current capability to meet the current and projected groundwater replenishment obligation, as that term is defined and used in title 48, chapter 22, for the active management area for the five calendar years following the calendar year in which the conservation district submits its plan, and, in addition, the director finds that the conservation district has established an adequate plan to meet the projected groundwater replenishment obligation for the active management area for the twenty calendar years following the calendar year in which the plan was submitted ALL OF THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATED:
- 1. THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT HAS IDENTIFIED SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLIES TO MEET ITS REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR CURRENT MEMBERS DURING THE TWENTY CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN AND HAS IDENTIFIED ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLIES POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT'S PROJECTED GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR THE ONE HUNDRED CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN FOR CURRENT MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL

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MEMBERS BASED ON REASONABLE PROJECTIONS OF REAL PROPERTY AND SERVICE AREAS THAT COULD QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEN YEARS FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN.

- 2. THE DISTRICT IS DEVELOPING A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE IN EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION E.
- 3. THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT HAS IDENTIFIED SUFFICIENT CAPACITY AT STORAGE FACILITIES AND PROJECTS TO BE USED FOR REPLENISHMENT PURPOSES DURING THE TWENTY CALENDAR YEARS FOLLOWING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN.
- O. The director shall issue a decision that the water district's plan is consistent with achieving the management goal of the active management area in which the water district is located if the director finds that the water district has the current capability to meet the current and projected water district groundwater replenishment obligation, as that term is defined and used in title 48, chapter 28, for the five calendar years following the calendar year in which the water district submits its plan and, in addition. the director finds the water district has established an adequate plan to meet the projected water district groundwater replenishment obligation for the twenty calendar years following the calendar year in which the plan was submitted.
- P. Unless the conservation district or water district successfully appeals the director's decision pursuant to subsection Q of this section. if the director has made a determination FOR ONE OR MORE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS that the conservation district's plan for operation or the water district's plan is not consistent with achieving the management goal of an active management area, the director shall notify the conservation district or water district, as the case may be, of the inconsistency in writing and shall specify how the conservation district's plan for operation or the water district's plan is inconsistent with achieving the management goal. conservation district or water district, as the case may be, shall modify its proposed plan and resubmit the plan WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER IT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE DIRECTOR'S DECISION, and the director shall review the plan as provided by section 45-576.02 and this section, except that the director shall only hold a hearing regarding those matters that the conservation district or water district, as the case may be, has modified in its resubmitted plan.
- Q. The director's determination under subsection M of this section is subject to rehearing or review and to judicial review as provided in section 45-114, subsection C, but the court shall not issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to prevent the director from acting under this chapter while the action is pending.
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AVAILABLE TO MEET THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S CURRENT OBLIGATIONS SUCH THAT THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S PLAN NO LONGER DEMONSTRATES CONSISTENCY WITH THE MANAGEMENT GOAL FOR ONE OR MORE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS, THE DIRECTOR MAY DISTRICT TO THE CONSERVATION SUBMIT A REVISED PLAN REQUIRE OPERATION. THE REVISED PLAN FOR OPERATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO CALENDAR YEARS OF THE DATE THAT THE DIRECTOR NOTIFIES THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF SUCH A DETERMINATION. THE DIRECTOR SHALL REVIEW THE REVISED PLAN AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 45-576.02 AND THIS SECTION, EXCEPT THAT THE DIRECTOR SHALL ONLY HOLD A HEARING REGARDING THOSE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE CHANGED.

S. UNLESS THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUCCESSFULLY APPEALS THE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION R OF THIS SECTION, IF THE DIRECTOR HAS MADE A DETERMINATION FOR ONE OR MORE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS THAT THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S REVISED PLAN FOR OPERATION IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH ACHIEVING THE MANAGEMENT GOAL OF THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS UNABLE TO SATISFY THE DIRECTOR'S CONCERNS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE DIRECTOR HAS NOTIFIED THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF THE DETERMINATION, THE DISTRICT'S PLAN SHALL EXPIRE.

Sec. 4. Section 45-578, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 45-578. Notice; objections; hearing; issuance of certificate;

appeals

- A. The director shall give notice of the application for a certificate of assured water supply once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the active management area in which the applicant proposes to use water. The first publication shall occur within fifteen days after the application is determined complete and correct or at any earlier time as the applicant may request after the application is determined complete. If the application is substantially modified after notice of the application is given pursuant to this subsection, the director shall give notice of the application as modified in the manner prescribed by this subsection. The first publication of any subsequent notice shall occur within fifteen days after the modified application is determined complete and correct or at any earlier time as the applicant may request after the modified application is determined complete.
- B. Notice pursuant to subsection A of this section shall state that objections to the issuance of the certificate may be filed by residents of the active management area, in writing, with the director within fifteen days after the last publication of notice. An objection shall state the name and mailing address of the objector, be signed by the objector, the objector's agent or the objector's attorney and clearly set forth reasons why the certificate should not be issued. The grounds for objection are limited to whether the certificate application meets the criteria for determining an assured water supply set forth in section 45-576, subsection I.
- C. In appropriate cases, including cases where a proper written objection to the certificate application has been filed, an administrative hearing may be held before the director's decision on the application if the

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director deems a hearing necessary. The director shall, thirty days prior to the date of the hearing, give notice of the hearing to the applicant and to any person who filed a proper written objection to the issuance of the certificate. The hearing shall be scheduled for not less than sixty days nor more than ninety days after the expiration of the time in which to file objections.

- D. Upon finding that an assured water supply exists for the proposed use, the director shall issue a certificate of assured water supply to the applicant. Upon finding that an assured water supply does not exist, the director shall deny the application and return it to the applicant.
- E. An aggrieved party or a person who contested a certificate by filing a proper objection pursuant to subsection B of this section may seek judicial review of the final decision of the director as provided in section 45-114, subsection B in the superior court.
- F. If the application for a certificate of assured water supply is for land in an active management area where an active management area water district exists THAT HAS QUALIFIED AS A MEMBER LAND under title 48, chapter 28 22, when the application is determined to be complete and correct, the director shall transmit a copy of the application to NOTIFY the CONSERVATION district AND SHALL REPORT THE TOTAL PROJECTED ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATION FOR EACH PLAT UNDER THE CERTIFICATE.
- G. Section 45-114, subsections A and B govern administrative proceedings, rehearing or review and judicial review of final decisions of the director under this section. If an administrative hearing is held, it shall be conducted in the active management area in which the use is located.
- Sec. 5. Section 45-802.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

45-802.01. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in section 45-402 have the same meanings in this chapter and:

- 1. "Aquifer" means a geologic formation that contains sufficient saturated material to be capable of storing water and transmitting water in usable quantities to a well.
- 2. "Area of impact" means, as projected on the land surface, the area where the stored water has migrated or is located.
- 3. "CERCLA" means the comprehensive environmental response, compensation, and liability act of 1980, as amended (P.L. 96-510; 94 Stat. 2767; 42 United States Code sections 9601 through 9657), commonly known as "superfund".
- 4. "Constructed underground storage facility" means a facility that meets the requirements of section 45-811.01 and that is designed and constructed to store water underground pursuant to permits issued under this chapter.
- under title 48, chapter 27.

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- 6. "District member" means a member of the groundwater replenishment district as provided by title 48, chapter 27.
- 7. "Electrical district" means a corporate body established pursuant to title 48, chapter 12.
- 8. "Groundwater savings facility" means a facility that meets the requirements of section 45-812.01 in an active management area or an irrigation non-expansion area at which groundwater withdrawals are eliminated or reduced by recipients who use in lieu water on a gallon-for-gallon substitute basis for groundwater that otherwise would have been pumped from within that active management area or irrigation non-expansion area.
- 9. "In lieu water" means water that is delivered by a storer to a groundwater savings facility pursuant to permits issued under this chapter and that is used in an active management area or an irrigation non-expansion area by the recipient on a gallon-for-gallon substitute basis for groundwater that otherwise would have been pumped from within that active management area or irrigation non-expansion area.
- 10. "Long-term storage account" means an account established pursuant to section 45-852.01.
- 11. "Long-term storage credit" means stored water that meets the requirements of section 45-852.01 and that has been credited to a long-term storage account.
- 12. "Managed underground storage facility" means a facility that meets the requirements of section 45-811.01 and that is designed and managed to utilize the natural channel of a stream to store water underground pursuant to permits issued under this chapter through artificial and controlled releases of water other than surface water naturally present in the stream. Surface water flowing in its natural channel is not a managed underground storage facility.
- 13. "Master replenishment account" means an account established pursuant to section 45-858.01 for a groundwater replenishment district.
- 14. "Recipient" means a person who receives in lieu water for use at a groundwater savings facility.
- 15. "Recoverable amount" means the amount of water, as determined by the director, that will reach the aquifer through water storage.
- 16. "Replenishment" means the storage of water or use of long-term storage credits by a groundwater replenishment district to fulfill its duties under title 48, chapter 27, article 3, by a multi-county water conservation district to fulfill its duties under title 48, chapter 22, article 4 or by an active management area water district to fulfill its duties under title 48, chapter 28, article 7.
- 17. "RESERVE TARGET" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 48-3701.
- underground storage facility means a groundwater savings facility or an underground storage facility.

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18. 19. "Stored water" means water that has been stored or saved underground pursuant to a storage permit issued under this chapter.

19. 20. "Storer" means the holder of a water storage permit issued pursuant to section 45-831.01 or a person to whom a water storage permit has been conveyed pursuant to section 45-831.01, subsection F.

20. 21. "Underground storage facility" means a constructed underground storage facility or a managed underground storage facility.

21. 22. "Water that cannot reasonably be used directly" means water that the storer cannot reasonably put to a direct use during the calendar year, including:

- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this paragraph, if the storer is a municipal provider, the amount of central Arizona project water that exceeds the amount of mined groundwater withdrawn during the calendar year by the storer in the active management area in which the storer's service area is located. If the storer withdrew mined groundwater during a calendar year in which the storer stored central Arizona project water underground pursuant to the storage permit, the amount of central Arizona project water stored underground during that year equal to the amount of mined groundwater withdrawn from the active management area in which the storer's service area is located shall not be credited to the storer's long-term storage account but may be considered as being available for recovery by the storer on an annual basis under section 45-851.01. In calculating the amount of mined groundwater withdrawn by the storer from the active management area, the director, at the request of the storer, shall exclude any groundwater withdrawn, treated and delivered for direct use as part of a remedial action undertaken pursuant to CERCLA or title 49, chapter 2, article 5. For the purposes of this subdivision, "mined groundwater" and "municipal provider" have the same meanings as prescribed by IN section 45-561.
- (b) If the storer is a municipal provider that has been designated as having an assured water supply pursuant to section 45-576, the amount of central Arizona project water that exceeds the amount of deficit groundwater withdrawn during the calendar year by the storer in the active management area in which the storer's service area is located. If the storer withdrew deficit groundwater during a calendar year in which the storer stored central Arizona project water underground pursuant to the storage permit, the amount of the central Arizona project water stored underground during that year equal to the amount of deficit groundwater withdrawn from the active management area in which the storer's service area is located shall not be credited to the storer's long-term storage account but may be considered as being available for recovery by the storer on an annual basis pursuant to section 45-851.01. In calculating the amount of deficit groundwater withdrawn by the storer from the active management area, the director, at the request/of the storer, shall exclude any groundwater withdrawn, treated and delivered for direct use as part of a remedial action undertaken pursuant to

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CERCLA or title 49, chapter 2, article 5. For the purposes of this subdivision, "municipal provider" has the same meaning as prescribed by IN section 45-561 and "deficit groundwater" means that amount of groundwater withdrawn within an active management area for delivery and use within a service area by a municipal provider in excess of the amount of groundwater that may be withdrawn by the municipal provider consistent with the achievement of the active management area's management goals as prescribed by rules adopted by the director pursuant to section 45-576.

- (c) If the storer is not a municipal provider, the amount of central Arizona project water stored in an active management area that exceeds the amount of groundwater withdrawn during the calendar year by the storer in that active management area. If the storer withdrew groundwater in an active management area during a calendar year in which the storer stored central Arizona project water underground in that active management area pursuant to the storage permit, the amount of central Arizona project water stored underground during that year equal to the amount of groundwater withdrawn from the active management area shall not be credited to the storer's long-term storage account but may be considered as being available for recovery by the storer on an annual basis under section 45-851.01. In calculating the amount of groundwater withdrawn by the storer from the active management area, the director, at the request of the storer, shall exclude any groundwater withdrawn, treated and delivered for direct use as part of a remedial action undertaken pursuant to CERCLA or title 49, chapter 2, article 5. For the purposes of this subdivision, "municipal provider" has the same meaning as prescribed by IN section 45-561.
- (d) Surface water made available by dams constructed or modified after August 13, 1986.
 - (e) Until the year 2025:
 - (i) Effluent.
- (ii) If the storage facility is in an active management area, water from outside the active management area that would not have reached the active management area without the efforts of the storer.
- (iii) If the storage facility is outside of an active management area, water from outside the groundwater basin in which the storage facility is located that would not have reached the groundwater basin without the efforts of the storer.
- (f) Water THAT IS delivered through the central Arizona project AND that is acquired by the Arizona water banking authority.
- 22. 23. "Water storage" means adding water to an aquifer or saving water in an aquifer pursuant to permits issued under this chapter.
- 23. 24. "Water storage permit" means a permit issued pursuant to section 45-831.01 to store water at a storage facility.

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 Sec. 6. Section 45-859.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

45-859.01. <u>Conservation district account; replenishment reserve</u> <u>subaccount; debits and credits</u>

- A. The director shall establish a long-term storage account and a conservation district account for each active management area in which a member land or member service area is or may be located. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT WITHIN THE LONG-TERM STORAGE ACCOUNT FOR EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA IN WHICH A MEMBER LAND OR MEMBER SERVICE AREA IS OR MAY BE LOCATED.
- B. For each reporting year, the groundwater replenishment obligation as defined in section 48-3701 for each active management area shall be debited from the conservation district account for that active management area.
- C. For each reporting year, the contract replenishment obligation as defined in section 48-3701 for each active management area shall be debited from the conservation district account for that active management area.
- D. On application by a conservation district to the director, credits in the conservation district's long-term storage account for an active management area, including credits earned through the use of excess capacity of each project permitted under article 6 of this chapter, shall be transferred and credited to its conservation district account for the same active management area.
- E. AFTER JANUARY 1, 2030, ON APPLICATION BY A CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO THE DIRECTOR, CREDITS IN THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT FOR AN ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA SHALL BE TRANSFERRED AND CREDITED TO ITS CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACCOUNT FOR THE SAME ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA, EXCEPT THAT ANY SUCH TRANSFER THAT WOULD CAUSE THE BALANCE IN THE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT FOR AN ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA TO FALL BELOW TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE RESERVE TARGET FOR THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR.
- E. F. For each reporting year, the director shall credit the conservation district's conservation district account by the amount of water stored by the conservation district during the reporting year, if the conservation district has requested the director to credit the stored water directly to its conservation district account and the stored water would otherwise be eligible for credits in a long-term storage account.
- G. FOR EACH REPORTING YEAR, THE DIRECTOR SHALL CREDIT THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT FOR EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA BY THE AMOUNT OF LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS DEVELOPED BY THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA DURING THE REPORTING YEAR USING MONIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION E.
- whether the conservation district has completed the groundwater replenishment obligation for each active management area as prescribed by section 48-3771.

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G. I. Credits in a conservation district account may not be assigned or transferred out of the conservation district account.

Sec. 7. Section 45-871.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

45-871.01. <u>Permit application; fee; notice of application;</u> objections; hearing; appeal

- A. The director shall prescribe and furnish application forms for the permits prescribed by articles 2 and 3 of this chapter. The application forms shall require the applicant to submit the information needed by the director to determine whether the permit may be issued. The director shall establish and collect a reasonable fee from the applicant to cover the cost of administrative services and other expenses associated with evaluating and issuing each permit. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted pursuant to section 45-615, paragraph 1.
- B. On receipt of an application for a permit pursuant to this chapter, the director shall endorse on the application the date of its receipt and shall keep a record of the application. The director shall conduct a review of the application within one hundred days of receipt of the application. If the director determines in the review that the application is incomplete or incorrect, the director shall notify the applicant and the review period is extended by fifteen days. The application is incomplete or incorrect until the applicant files the information requested in the application. The director may conduct independent investigations as necessary to determine whether the application should be approved or rejected.
- C. If the application is for water storage at an underground storage facility that is exempt from the requirement for an aquifer protection permit under section 49-250, subsection B, paragraph 12, 13 or 24, the director of water resources shall consult with the director of environmental quality and shall develop a coordinated and unified permit review process, which THAT conforms to the time schedule prescribed by this section, to determine whether the permit application is correct and whether the development of a plan of action for monitoring and data analysis shall be required.
- D. Except as provided in subsection E of this section, if the application is determined to be complete and correct and the application is for a storage facility permit or a water storage permit, the director, within fifteen days of that determination or a longer period if requested by the applicant, shall give notice of the application once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which persons reside who could reasonably be expected to be affected by the water storage. The director shall also give notice by first class mail to each city, town, private water company, CONSERVATION DISTRICT, irrigation district and electrical district that serves land within the area of impact of the stored water. The notice shall state that persons who may be adversely affected by the water storage may file written objections to the issuance of the permit with the director for fifteen days after the last

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publication of notice. An objection shall state the name and mailing address of the objector, shall be signed by the objector or the objector's agent or attorney and shall clearly set forth the reasons why the permit should not be issued. The grounds for objection are limited to whether the application meets the criteria for issuing the permit being requested as prescribed by articles 2 and 3 of this chapter.

- E. If the application is determined to be complete and correct and the application is for a water storage permit to store Colorado river water at a storage facility where storage of Colorado river water has previously been permitted, the director may issue the permit within twenty days of that determination if all of the following apply:
- 1. The holder of the storage facility permit with which the water storage permit will be affiliated has consented to the water storage.
- 2. The water storage permit will not require a modification of an affiliated water storage facility permit.
- 3. Colorado river water will be the only type of water stored under the water storage permit.
 - 4. The applicant has the right to use the Colorado river water.
- Except as provided in section 45-834.01, subsection D, if the application is determined to be complete and correct and the application is for a recovery well permit, the director, within fifteen days of the determination or a longer period if requested by the applicant, shall give notice of the application once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the applicant proposes to recover stored water. If the application is for a well located inside of or within three miles of the exterior boundaries of the service area of a city, town, private water company or irrigation district, the applicant shall give notice of the application by first class mail to each city, town, private water company or irrigation district within that distance. The applicant shall file proof of the notice with the director. The notice shall state that persons who may be adversely affected by the recovery well may file written objections to the issuance of the permit with the director for fifteen days after the last publication of notice. An objection shall state the name and mailing address of the objector, shall be signed by the objector or the objector's agent or attorney and shall clearly set forth reasons why the permit should not be issued. The grounds for objection are limited to whether the application meets the criteria for issuing a recovery well permit as set forth in section 45–834.01, subsection B. For the purposes of this subsection, if the proposed recovery well is located within three miles outside of the exterior boundaries of the service area of a city, town, private water company or irrigation district, a city, town, private water company or irrigation district within that distance shall be considered a person who may be adversely affected by the recovery well.

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- G. In appropriate cases, including cases in which a proper objection to the permit application has been filed, an administrative hearing may be held before the director's decision on the application if the director deems a hearing necessary. At least thirty days before the hearing, the director shall notify the applicant and any person who filed a proper objection to the issuance of the permit. The hearing shall be scheduled for at least sixty days but not more than ninety days after the expiration of the time in which to file objections.
- H. If a hearing is not held, the director shall issue a decision and order within six months of the date notice of the application is first given pursuant to subsection D or F of this section, or within ninety days in the case of an application under article 6 of this chapter. The director shall record and endorse the approval or rejection of the application on the application. If the permit is denied, the director shall return a copy of the application to the applicant specifically stating the reasons for denial.
- I. The applicant or any person who filed a proper objection to the application may seek judicial review of the final decision of the director as provided in section 45-114, subsection B in superior court as provided in section 45-405.
- J. Section 45-114, subsections A and B govern administrative proceedings, rehearings or review and judicial review of final decisions of the director under this section. If an administrative hearing is held, it shall be conducted in the active management area in which the storage or recovery is located.
- K. On receipt of an application for a permit pursuant to this section, the director shall provide written notice of the proposed permit to the city, town or county that has land use jurisdiction over the site that is the subject of the permit. The notice shall be given at the same time and in the same manner as the notices prescribed by subsections D and F OF THIS SECTION in order to provide the city, town or county with the opportunity to comment on the proposed facility's or well's compliance with site planning and operational requirements of the city, town or county. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the exclusive authority of the director to determine the issuance of the permit or the site of the facility or well or to reduce the authority of the city, town or county to enforce its applicable ordinances governing site planning and operational requirements.
- Sec. 8. Section 45-877.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

45-877.01. <u>Annual reports by conservation districts: penalties</u>

- A. Each conservation district shall file an annual report with the director that includes for each active management area in which a member land or member service area is or may be located:
- 1. The total amount of water that was stored by the conservation district during the reporting year pursuant to each water storage permit issued to it under this chapter.

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- 2. The amount of water stored by the conservation district during the reporting year to be credited to the conservation district's conservation district account.
- 3. The amount of water stored by the conservation district during the reporting year to be credited to the conservation district's long-term storage account.
- 4. THE AMOUNT OF WATER STORED BY THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT DURING THE REPORTING YEAR TO BE CREDITED TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT.
- 4. 5. The amount of long-term storage credits the conservation district has transferred and credited to its conservation district account during the reporting year.
- 5. 6. The groundwater replenishment obligation as defined in section 48-3701 for the reporting year.
- 6.7. The contract replenishment obligation as defined in section 48-3701 for the reporting year.
 - 7. 8. The information required under section 48-3775.
 - 8. 9. Other information as the director may require.
- B. The annual report required under subsection A of this section shall be maintained on a calendar year basis and shall be filed with the director no later than August 31 of each year for the preceding calendar year, which is the reporting year.
- C. If the conservation district fails to file the report when due, the director may assess and collect a penalty of up to one hundred dollars for each day the annual report is delinquent. The director shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, all penalties collected pursuant to this subsection in the state general fund.
- D. If a municipal provider as defined in section 48-3701 does not timely file the annual report required by section 48-3775, the director may assess and collect a penalty of up to one thousand dollars for each day the annual report is delinquent. The director shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, all penalties collected pursuant to this subsection in the state general fund.
 - Sec. 9. Section 45-2427, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 45-2427. <u>Limitation on powers</u>
- A. This chapter does not authorize the authority to exercise any right of eminent domain.
- B. The authority shall not store Colorado river water that would otherwise have been used in this state PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3703, PARAGRAPH 2, A SECTION 5 CONTRACT UNDER THE BOULDER CANYON PROJECT ACT (P.L. 108-6; 43 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 617) WITH A PRIORITY THAT IS EQUAL TO OR HIGHER THAN A CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3703, PARAGRAPH 2 OR ANY OTHER SECTION 5 CONTRACT UNDER THE BOULDER CANYON PROJECT ACT ENTERED INTO BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION. THE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT STORE FOR

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INTERSTATE WATER BANKING PURPOSES COLORADO RIVER WATER THAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN USED IN THIS STATE.

- C. The authority shall not enter into contracts with agencies in California and Nevada for the storage of water on their behalf until both of the following occur:
- 1. Regulations are in effect, promulgated by the secretary of the interior of the United States, that facilitate and allow the contractual distribution of unused entitlement under article II(b)(6) of the decree.
- 2. The director finds that the rules promulgated by the secretary of the interior adequately protect this state's rights to Colorado river water, as those rights are defined by the decree.
- D. The authority shall not enter into water banking services agreements that will provide water for use outside this state. The authority may cancel any water banking services agreement without penalty or further obligation if after entering into a water banking services agreement, the authority finds that the agreement will provide water for use outside of this state. Notice of this subsection shall be included in every water banking services agreement entered into by the authority. The cancellation under this subsection shall be effective when written notice from the authority is received by all other parties to the water banking services agreement.
- Sec. 10. Section 48-3701, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3701. Definitions

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Active management area" means an active management area established under title 45, chapter 2, article 2.
- 2. "Board" means the board of directors of a multi-county water conservation district.
- 3. "Contract replenishment obligation" means an amount of groundwater that the district contracts to replenish in a year on behalf of a municipal provider pursuant to a contract authorized under section 48-3772, subsection B, paragraph 9.
- 4. "Credits" means any groundwater in addition to the amount of groundwater that may be used at a member land or delivered within a member service area for use within the member service area pursuant to the applicable assured water supply rules adopted by the department of water resources.
- 5. "Declaration" means an instrument recorded against real property and conforming to the requirements prescribed by section 48-3774, subsection A, paragraph 5.
- 6. "District" means a multi-county water conservation district organized under the authority of this chapter.
- 7. "Excess groundwater" means an amount of groundwater equal to that amount of groundwater delivered to a member land in a calendar year or delivered within a member service area by the municipal provider for that

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- "EXCESS GROUNDWATER INCREMENT" MEANS THE AMOUNT BY WHICH EXCESS GROUNDWATER REPORTED FOR A MEMBER SERVICE AREA UNDER SECTION 48-3775, SUBSECTION B IN ANY YEAR EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF EXCESS GROUNDWATER REPORTED FOR THAT MEMBER SERVICE AREA IN ANY PRIOR YEAR.
- 8. 9. "Groundwater replenishment obligation" means, for each active management area in which member lands or member service areas are or may be located, the total of the cumulative parcel replenishment obligation of all parcels of member land in that active management area for a particular calendar year plus the cumulative service area replenishment obligation of all member service areas in that active management area for a particular calendar year.
- 9. 10. "Member land" means any real property that meets the requirements of section 48-3774.
- "Member service area" means the service area of a municipal 10. 11. provider that qualifies as a member service area under section 48-3780, including any additions to or extensions of the service area.
- 11. 12. "Multi-county water conservation district" means a district composed of three or more counties which THAT have joined together for the creation of a district.
- 12. 13. "Municipal provider" means a city, town or private water company or an irrigation district that supplies water for non-irrigation use.
- "Parcel of member land" means any portion of member land for which the tax assessor for the county in which the member land is located has issued a separate county parcel number.
- "Parcel replenishment obligation" means, with respect to any particular parcel of member land, an amount of groundwater that is equal to the amount of groundwater delivered to the parcel of member land in a calendar year multiplied by the percentage that the excess groundwater of the applicable member land for that year bears to the total amount of groundwater delivered to the applicable member land during that year.
- 15. 16. "Population" means the population determined in the most recent United States decennial census.
- "Private water company" has the same meaning prescribed in 16. 17. section 45-402.
- 17. /18. "Replenish" means to increase the amount of groundwater in an aquifer through water storage pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1 for the purpose of meeting the obligations of article 4 of this chapter. Sent of

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- 19. "RESERVE TARGET" MEANS, FOR EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA, TWENTY TIMES THE SUM OF THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL PROJECTED ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS, AS REPORTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 45-576, SUBSECTION F AND 45-578, SUBSECTION F, FOR ALL PARCELS OF CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LAND AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 48-3774.01 AND ALL MEMBER SERVICE AREAS IN THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA. RESERVE TARGET DOES NOT INCLUDE REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS UNDER RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 10 OR REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS THAT WILL BE MET USING WATER SUPPLIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY HELD BY THE DISTRICT AND THAT ARE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH ASSURED WATER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-576.
- 18. 20. "Resolution" means a resolution adopted by the governing body of a city or town, by the board of directors of a private water company that is a corporation, by the general partners of a private water company that is a partnership or by the individual owners of a private water company that is individually owned.
- 19. 21. "Secretary" means the secretary of the interior of the United States of America.
- 20. 22. "Service area" has the same meaning prescribed in section 45-402.
- 21. 23. "Service area replenishment obligation" means, with respect to any particular member service area, the excess groundwater of that member service area in a particular calendar year reduced by the replenishment credits, if any, applied by the municipal provider with respect to the member service area under section 48-3772, subsection 1— H.
- $\frac{22.}{45-802.01.}$ 24. "Water storage" has the same meaning prescribed in section
- Sec. 11. Section 48-3710, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3710. Organization of board; oath; Arizona water banking authority

- A. Not later than thirty days after appointment of the initial board, and after each election for directors, the board shall meet and select a president, vice-president and a secretary from its membership. Each director shall qualify by taking and subscribing an official oath of office as prescribed by title 38, and executing a bond to the state in an amount of ten thousand dollars conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.
- B. The president of the board shall serve or appoint a representative to serve on the Arizona water banking authority commission. If the president appoints a representative, that representative shall serve on the Arizona water banking authority commission until removed by the president.

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Sec. 12. Section 48-3713, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2000, chapter 142, section 2, is amended to read:

48-3713. Powers of district

- A. The district, acting through its board, shall:
- 1. Enter into a contract or contracts with the secretary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.
- 2. Provide for the repayment of construction costs, interest and annual operation, maintenance and replacement costs allocated to the district and payment of administrative costs and expenses of the district.
- 3. Levy an annual tax to defray district costs and expenses and to effect repayment of a portion of the district's obligation to the United States. Such tax levy shall not exceed ten cents per each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the district.
- 4. Establish and cause to be collected charges for water consistent with federal reclamation law and contracts entered into between the district and the secretary pursuant to this chapter.
- 5. Cooperate and contract with the secretary to carry out the provisions of the reclamation act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, including the Colorado river basin project act (82 Stat. 885).
- 6. Establish and maintain reserve accounts in amounts which may be required by any contract between the district and the secretary and in such additional amounts as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.
 - 7. Coordinate and cooperate with the Arizona water banking authority.
 - B. The district, acting through its board, may:
- 1. Contract with the United States to be the operating agent of the central Arizona project and to maintain all or portions of the project and subcontract with others for the operation or maintenance of portions of the project.
- 2. Acquire in any lawful manner real and personal property of every kind necessary or convenient for the uses and purposes of the district.
- 3. Acquire electricity or other forms of energy necessary for the operation of the central Arizona project.
- 4. Contract for or perform feasibility studies of water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells.
- 5. Acquire, develop, construct, operate, maintain and acquire permits for water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1 using surplus central Arizona project water.
- 6. Enter into contracts to acquire, permit, develop, construct, operate and maintain water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells with any person pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1. Such projects may utilize water, including central Arizona project water, which such persons have the right to store pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1.

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- 7. Plan, analyze, propose, apply for, construct, operate, maintain and dismantle state demonstration projects for water storage and recovery under title 45, chapter 3.1, article 6.
- 8. Acquire real property for state demonstration projects for water storage and recovery under title 45, chapter 3.1 by purchase, lease, donation, dedication, exchange, CONDEMNATION AS PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 48-3719 or other lawful means in areas suitable for demonstration projects for water storage and recovery of state water in counties in which the district has water transportation facilities.
- 9. Advance monies necessary for the installation, construction, repair, maintenance or replacement of capital improvements related to any water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells or any other replenishment activities of the district undertaken pursuant to article 4 of this chapter. Monies advanced under this paragraph bear interest as determined by the board. Repayment of the advances shall be amortized over the useful life of the capital improvements, as determined by the board. Utilization of excess capacity in a state demonstration project for replenishment purposes pursuant to section 48-3772, subsection B, paragraph 8 does not constitute the advancement of monies under this paragraph.
- 10. Advance monies for the payment of the operation and administrative costs and expenses of the district relating to performance of the groundwater replenishment obligations under article 4 of this chapter, INCLUDING REPLENISHMENT RESERVE ACTIVITIES and including reasonable reserves. Monies advanced under this paragraph shall bear interest as determined by the board. Repayment of the advances may be amortized over a reasonable period, as determined by the board.
- 11. Assign to the account of the district at fair value long-term storage credits, as defined in section 45-802.01, held by the district.
- 12. Provide technical and operational support to the Arizona water banking authority and shall be reimbursed by the Arizona water banking authority for providing that support.
- 13. Appoint certain employees of the district as peace officers only for purposes of providing law enforcement on property which is under the control of the district. The district shall not have any more than ten employees designated as peace officers at any one time.
- 14. EXCEPT FOR ELECTRIC CAPACITY AND ENERGY ALLOCATED TO THE ARIZONA POWER AUTHORITY UNDER THE HOOVER POWER PLANT ACT OF 1984 (P.L. 98-381; 98 STAT. 1333), SELL, RESELL, DELIVER OR DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICITY OR OTHER FORMS OF ENERGY ACQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF OPERATING THE CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT BUT NOT NEEDED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SUCH PURPOSES, EXCEPT THAT THE DISTRICT MAY NOT SELL, RESELL, DELIVER OR DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICITY TO A RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 30-801.

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- C. The authority granted under title 45, chapter 3.1, article 6 does not authorize the district to withdraw and use groundwater that exists naturally in the basin in which the stored water is located. The authority provided in subsection 8, paragraph 7 of this section is in addition to and distinct from any authority granted to the district by subsection 8, paragraphs 5 and 6 of this section.
- D. The functions of the district under subsection B, paragraph 5 of this section may be performed on behalf of the district by other persons under contract with the district.
- E. The district may enter into and carry out subcontracts with water users for the delivery of water through the facilities of the central Arizona project. Such contracts as may be entered into between the district and the secretary and between the district and water users shall be subject to the provisions of the Colorado river basin project act (P.L. 90-537; 82 Stat. 885). Before entering into such contracts the district shall determine that the proposed contract or proposed amendment, and all related exhibits and agreements, have been submitted to the director OF WATER RESOURCES as required by section 45-107, subsection D.
- F. The district may not sell, resell, deliver or distribute electricity to others. The district may, in conjunction with any other marketing entity or entities, be a marketing entity under section 107 of the Hoover power plant act of 1984 (P.L. 98-381; 98 Stat. 1333) solely for the limited purposes of establishing and collecting the additional rate components authorized by that act and may enter into contracts for that purpose. This subsection does not limit the authority of the district under subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section and does not prohibit the United States western area power administration or the Arizona power authority from making incidental disposition of power acquired by the district for purposes of operating the central Arizona project but not needed by the district for such purposes.
- G. Persons who are appointed as peace officers by the district pursuant to subsection B of this section shall provide law enforcement on the property which is under the control of the district. District peace officers shall not preempt the authority and jurisdiction of other police agencies of this state or its political subdivisions. A district peace officer shall notify appropriate agencies of this state and its political subdivisions after making a felony arrest or beginning a felony investigation within the jurisdiction of that agency. District peace officers shall have at least those qualifications prescribed by section 41-1822 and are not eligible to participate in the public safety personnel retirement system. The district is not eligible to receive funds from the peace officers OFFICERS' training fund specified in section 41-1825. The district shall reimburse the Arizona peace officer standards and training board for all training expenses incurred by the board for the district and all audit expenses incurred by the board

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in reviewing compliance by the district with peace officer standards and law enforcement standards established by the board.

Sec. 13. Section 48-3713, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2000, chapter 142, section 3, is amended to read:

48-3713. Powers of district

- A. The district, acting through its board, shall:
- 1. Enter into a contract or contracts with the secretary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.
- 2. Provide for the repayment of construction costs, interest and annual operation, maintenance and replacement costs allocated to the district and payment of administrative costs and expenses of the district.
- 3. Levy an annual tax to defray district costs and expenses and to effect repayment of a portion of the district's obligation to the United States. Such tax levy shall not exceed ten cents per each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the district.
- 4. Establish and cause to be collected charges for water consistent with federal reclamation law and contracts entered into between the district and the secretary pursuant to this chapter.
- 5. Cooperate and contract with the secretary to carry out the provisions of the reclamation act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, including the Colorado river basin project act (82 Stat. 885).
- 6. Establish and maintain reserve accounts in amounts which may be required by any contract between the district and the secretary and in such additional amounts as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.
 - 7. Coordinate and cooperate with the Arizona water banking authority.
 - B. The district, acting through its board, may:
- 1. Contract with the United States to be the operating agent of the central Arizona project and to maintain all or portions of the project and subcontract with others for the operation or maintenance of portions of the project.
- 2. Acquire in any lawful manner real and personal property of every kind necessary or convenient for the uses and purposes of the district.
- 3. Acquire electricity or other forms of energy necessary for the operation of the central Arizona project.
- 4. Contract for or perform feasibility studies of water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells.
- 5. Acquire, develop, construct, operate, maintain and acquire permits for water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells pursuant to title 45% chapter 3.1 using surplus central Arizona project water.
- 6. Enter into contracts to acquire, permit, develop, construct, operate and maintain water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells with any person pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1. Such projects may utilize

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water, including central Arizona project water, which such persons have the right to store pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1.

- 7. Plan, analyze, propose, apply for, construct, operate, maintain and dismantle state demonstration projects for water storage and recovery under title 45, chapter 3.1, article 6.
- 8. Acquire real property for state demonstration projects for water storage and recovery under title 45, chapter 3.1 by purchase, lease, donation, dedication, exchange or other lawful means in areas suitable for demonstration projects for water storage and recovery of state water in counties in which the district has water transportation facilities.
- 9. Advance monies necessary for the installation, construction, repair, maintenance or replacement of capital improvements related to any water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells or any other replenishment activities of the district undertaken pursuant to article 4 of this chapter. Monies advanced under this paragraph bear interest as determined by the board. Repayment of the advances shall be amortized over the useful life of the capital improvements, as determined by the board. Utilization of excess capacity in a state demonstration project for replenishment purposes pursuant to section 48-3772, subsection B, paragraph 8 does not constitute the advancement of monies under this paragraph.
- 10. Advance monies for the payment of the operation and administrative costs and expenses of the district relating to performance of the groundwater replenishment obligations under article 4 of this chapter, INCLUDING REPLENISHMENT RESERVE ACTIVITIES and including reasonable reserves. Monies advanced under this paragraph shall bear interest as determined by the board. Repayment of the advances may be amortized over a reasonable period, as determined by the board.
- 11. Assign to the account of the district at fair value long-term storage credits, as defined in section 45-802.01, held by the district.
- 12. Provide technical and operational support to the Arizona water banking authority and shall be reimbursed by the Arizona water banking authority for providing that support.
- 13. EXCEPT FOR ELECTRIC CAPACITY AND ENERGY ALLOCATED TO THE ARIZONA POWER AUTHORITY UNDER THE HOOVER POWER PLANT ACT OF 1984 (P.L. 98-381; 98 STAT. 1333), SELL, RESELL, DELIVER OR DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICITY OR OTHER FORMS OF ENERGY ACQUIRED BY THE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF OPERATING THE CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT BUT NOT NEEDED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SUCH PURPOSES, EXCEPT THAT THE DISTRICT MAY NOT SELL, RESELL, DELIVER OR DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICITY TO A RETAIL ELECTRIC CUSTOMER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 30-801.
- C. The authority granted under title 45, chapter 3.1, article 6 does not authorize the district to withdraw and use groundwater that exists naturally in the basin in which the stored water is located. The authority provided in subsection B, paragraph 7 of this section is in addition to and distinct from any authority granted to the district by subsection B, paragraphs 5 and 6 of this section.

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- D. The functions of the district under subsection B, paragraph 5 of this section may be performed on behalf of the district by other persons under contract with the district.
- E. The district may enter into and carry out subcontracts with water users for the delivery of water through the facilities of the central Arizona project. Such contracts as may be entered into between the district and the secretary and between the district and water users shall be subject to the provisions of the Colorado river basin project act (P.L. 90-537; 82 Stat. 885). Before entering into such contracts the district shall determine that the proposed contract or proposed amendment, and all related exhibits and agreements, have been submitted to the director OF WATER RESOURCES as required by section 45-107, subsection D.
- F. The district may not sell, resell, deliver or distribute electricity to others. The district may, in conjunction with any other marketing entity or entities, be a marketing entity under section 107 of the Hoover power plant act of 1984 (P.L. 98-381; 98 Stat. 1333) solely for the limited purposes of establishing and collecting the additional rate components authorized by that act and may enter into contracts for that purpose. This subsection does not limit the authority of the district under subsection B, paragraph 3 of this section and does not prohibit the United States western area power administration or the Arizona power authority from making incidental disposition of power acquired by the district for purposes of operating the central Arizona project but not needed by the district for such purposes.

Sec. 14. Repeal

Section 48-3713, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2000, chapter 145, section 1, is repealed.

Sec. 15. Section 48-3772, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3772. Duties and powers of district regarding replenishment

A. The district shall:

- 1. Establish annually the costs and expenses to replenish groundwater pursuant to this article with respect to all parcels of member lands and all member service areas located in each active management area, including capital expenses, and the operation, maintenance, replacement and administrative costs and expenses of the district, REPLENISHMENT RESERVE COSTS AND EXPENSES AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION and including reasonable reserves. Separate calculations of costs and expenses shall be made for each active management area in which member lands or member service areas are or may be located AND FOR EACH MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY. Costs and expenses attributed by the district to contract replenishment obligations shall not be included in this calculation THESE CALCULATIONS.
- 2. Provide for the payment of all costs and expenses to replenish groundwater pursuant to this chapter and the payment of operation,

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maintenance, replacement and administrative costs and expenses of the district.

- 3. Levy an annual replenishment assessment against all parcels EACH PARCEL of member land PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3778 and an annual replenishment tax against all EACH municipal providers PROVIDER that have HAS A member service areas located in each active management area PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3781 to pay the district's costs and expenses to replenish groundwater as established pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection. calculations of the replenishment assessment shall be made for each active management area in which member lands are located based on the costs and expenses of replenishment established for that active management area.
- 4. Levy a contract replenishment tax against municipal providers that are parties to contracts authorized under subsection B, paragraph 9 of this section to pay the district's costs and expenses to replenish groundwater based on contract replenishment obligations.
- 5. Establish and maintain reserve accounts in amounts as may be deemed necessary to perform the groundwater replenishment obligation.
- 6. Fulfill all obligations under resolutions adopted pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 10 of this section.
 - B. The district may:
- 1. Acquire, develop, construct, operate, maintain, replace and acquire permits for water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells for replenishment purposes.
- 2. Acquire, transport, hold, exchange, own, lease, store or replenish water, except groundwater withdrawn from an active management area, subject to the provisions of title 45, for the benefit of member lands and member service areas.
- 3. Acquire, hold, exchange, own, lease, retire or dispose of water rights for the benefit of member lands and member service areas.
- Require municipal providers to provide such information, in such form and within the time limits prescribed by the district, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this chapter.
- 5. Levy and collect assessments, fees, charges, taxes and other revenues as are provided in this chapter for the financing of replenishment activities.
- 6. Contract for or perform feasibility studies of water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells for replenishment purposes.
- 7. Acquire real and personal property for water storage, storage facilities and recovery wells for replenishment purposes by purchase, lease, donation, dedication, exchange or other lawful means.
- 8. Use any facilities and any excess storage capacity of any state demonstration projects undertaken pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1 for water 43 storage for replenishment purposes.
 - 267/9. Subject to subsection H G of this section, contract with any municipal provider having a member service area to replenish groundwater on

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 behalf of the municipal provider and with respect to the member service area in an amount in excess of the sum of the service area replenishment obligations applicable to the member service area for all years in which the district has not completed the replenishment of the groundwater replenishment obligation for the member service area.

- 10. Adopt resolutions granting water availability status to a member service area of a city, town or private water company and committing to replenish a specified average annual volume of water in a location where the city, town or private water company may physically access the water for service to its customers, if all of the following apply:
- (a) The district has reviewed its requirements for transportation of central Arizona project water, its contracts, subcontracts, letter agreements, excess water contracts, and other contractual obligations. AND its member service area and member land requirements and has determined that the district can meet those obligations and that capacity remains in the central Arizona project to meet the obligations undertaken through the resolution.
- (b) The resolution acknowledges that the commitment to replenish the specified average annual volume of water in the location cited in the resolution shall be a permanent obligation of the district, unless one of the following apply APPLIES:
- (i) A permanent substitute supply of water is found for the city, town or private water company and the substitution is approved by the director of water resources, thus terminating the water availability status of the member service area.
- (ii) The requirements of section 45-576.07, subsection A, are not met, and thus the director of water resources does not issue an order granting or maintaining the city, town or private water company as having an assured water supply based in whole or in part on section 45-576.07. If no order is issued within two years of the district adopting the resolution, the resolution may be repealed, and the district shall be relieved of all obligations under the resolution.
- (c) The average annual volume of water specified in the resolution, when added to the average annual volume of water specified in all other resolutions adopted pursuant to this paragraph, does not exceed twenty thousand acre-feet.
- (d) The district has entered into an agreement with the city, town or private water company under which the city, town or private water company will hold for the district's future use, and provide to the district when needed, sufficient water to meet the obligations undertaken by the district through the resolution.
- (e) The district determines that the obligations undertaken by the district through the resolution will not increase annual replenishment assessment rates or costs to central Arizona project contract and subcontract holders. AND its member service area AREAS and member lands.

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- (f) The director of water resources has found pursuant to section 45-576.07, subsection H, that the district has the capability to grant water availability status to member service areas.
- 11. Provide in resolutions adopted pursuant to paragraph 10 of this subsection that the district may fulfill its obligations under the resolution in any year by directly delivering to the city, town or private water company the water that otherwise would have been replenished pursuant to the resolution, if all of the following apply:
- (a) The district has reviewed its requirements for transportation of central Arizona project water, its contracts, subcontracts, letter agreements, excess water contracts, and other contractual obligations, its member service area and member land requirements and has determined that the district can meet those obligations and that capacity remains in the central Arizona project to make direct deliveries pursuant to this paragraph.
- (b) The district determines that the delivery will not increase annual replenishment assessment rates or costs to central Arizona project contract and subcontract holders, its member service area and member lands.
- 12. Enter into agreements with a city, town or private water company that will have water made available to it through a resolution adopted pursuant to paragraph 10 OF THIS SUBSECTION AND under which the city, town or private water company compensate COMPENSATES the district for the costs and fair value of the water supply provided by the district.
- C. The functions of the district under subsection B, paragraph 1 of this subsection SECTION may be performed on behalf of the district by other persons under contract with the district.
- D. For purposes of determining the annual costs and expenses of the district under subsection A, paragraph 1 of this subsection, the district shall amortize capital costs and expenses, including interest as determined by the district, over the useful life of the capital improvements, as determined by the district. The capital costs of the facilities of any state demonstration projects used by the district pursuant to subsection 8, paragraph 8 of this section shall not be included in the capital costs and expenses amortized by the district under this subsection.
- E. The district may replenish in advance an amount of groundwater in addition to the amount of groundwater required to complete replenishment of the groundwater replenishment obligation for all active management areas applicable to the calendar year of the determination and the three immediately preceding calendar years if all of the following apply:
- 1. The amount of additional groundwater replenished in advance by the district during a calendar year shall not exceed the groundwater replenishment obligation for all active management areas for the immediately preceding year, multiplied by twenty per cent.
- 2. The total amount of additional groundwater replenished in advance by the district at a particular time and not applied by the district to complete replenishment of a groundwater replenishment obligation shall not

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exceed the estimated groundwater replenishment obligation for all active management areas, as determined by the district, for the year of the determination.

- E. THE DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE AS FOLLOWS:
- 1. THE DISTRICT SHALL INCLUDE A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGE IN THE ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT LEVIED AGAINST ALL PARCELS OF CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LAND AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 48-3774.01 AND IN THE ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT TAX LEVIED AGAINST ALL MUNICIPAL PROVIDERS THAT HAVE MEMBER SERVICE AREAS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 48-3780.01. THE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGE FOR EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA IS ESTABLISHED ANNUALLY BY THE DISTRICT BASED ON THE RESERVE TARGET FOR THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA.
- 2. THE DISTRICT SHALL LEVY A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE AGAINST CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LANDS PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3774.01 AND AGAINST MEMBER SERVICE AREAS PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3780.01. FOR CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LANDS THE FEE IS EQUAL TO TWICE THE APPLICABLE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGE MULTIPLIED BY THE TOTAL PROJECTED ANNUAL GROUNDWATER DEMAND FOR THE MEMBER LANDS AS REPORTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-578, SUBSECTION F. FOR MEMBER SERVICE AREAS THE FEE IS EQUAL TO TWICE THE APPLICABLE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGE MULTIPLIED BY THE EXCESS GROUNDWATER INCREMENT. WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT AND THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES, LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 45-802.01 MAY BE ASSIGNED TO THE DISTRICT'S REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT IN LIEU OF PAYING THE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE.
- 3. THE DISTRICT SHALL USE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES AND REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEES COLLECTED WITHIN EACH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA TOGETHER WITH ALL INTEREST EARNED ON THE CHARGES AND FEES TO STORE WATER IN THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA IN ADVANCE OF GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 45-802.01 THAT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT FOR THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 45-859.01.
- 4. BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2030, THE DISTRICT MAY TRANSFER CREDITS FROM A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT TO A CONSERVATION DISTRICT ACCOUNT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 45-859.01 TO SATISFY ITS GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS.
- 5. IF THE DISTRICT TRANSFERS CREDITS FROM THE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT FOR AN ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-859.01, SUBSECTION E, THE DISTRICT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT LEVIED AGAINST ALL PARCELS OF CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LAND IN THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA AND, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 48-3780.01, SUBSECTION B, IN THE ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT TAX LEVIED AGAINST ALL MUNICIPAL PROVIDERS THAT HAVE MEMBER SERVICE AREAS IN THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA A RESERVE REPLACEMENT COMPONENT TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF THE TRANSFERRED CREDITS. THE DISTRICT SHALL USE ALL MONIES FROM THE RESERVE REPLACEMENT

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COMPONENT COLLECTED WITHIN AN ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA TOGETHER WITH ALL INTEREST EARNED ON THE MONIES TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 45-802.01 WITHIN THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA TO BE CREDITED TO THE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT FOR THAT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 45-859.01.

- 6. FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE, THE DISTRICT SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO EXCESS CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT WATER EQUIVALENT TO BUT NO MORE THAN THE ACCESS THE ARIZONA WATER BANKING AUTHORITY HAS FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SECTION 45-2401, SUBSECTION H, PARAGRAPH 2.
- F. Groundwater replenished by the district pursuant to a contract to replenish groundwater under subsection B, paragraph 9 of this section is not additional groundwater replenished in advance under subsection E of this section SHALL NOT BE CREDITED TO A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 45-859.01.
- G. Groundwater replenished by the district is not additional groundwater replenished in advance under subsection E of this section for as long as the costs and expenses of replenishing the groundwater are not included in the costs and expenses of replenishment established under subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section.
- H. G. The district shall not enter into a contract authorized under subsection B, paragraph 9 of this section unless the district has determined that the contract will not adversely affect the district's ability to fulfill its obligations under this chapter. For each contract entered into under subsection B, paragraph 9 of this section, the district shall perform its contract replenishment obligations in the active management area in which the service area of the municipal provider that is the party to the contract is located.
- I. H. If the district replenishes groundwater on behalf of a municipal provider pursuant to a contract to replenish groundwater under subsection B, paragraph 9 of this section, the amount of groundwater so replenished shall be a replenishment credit to the municipal provider that may be applied by the municipal provider on notice to the district to reduce the service area replenishment obligations applicable to the municipal provider.
- J. In the Phoenix active management area, the district, to the extent reasonably feasible, shall replenish groundwater in the east portion of the active management area and in the west portion of the active management area in the approximate proportion that the groundwater replenishment obligation attributable in a particular year to member lands and member service areas located in the east portion of the active management area bears to the groundwater replenishment obligation attributable in that year to member lands and member service areas located in the west portion of the active management area. For purposes of this subsection, the boundary between the east Salt river valley sub-basin and the west Salt river valley

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 sub-basin is the boundary between the east and west portions of the active management area.

K. J. The costs and expenses charged by the district to an active management area water district established under chapter 28 of this title for delivery of surplus central Arizona project water to such active management area water district for replenishment purposes shall not exceed the costs and expenses for delivery of such water that are or would be included by the district in the costs and expenses of replenishment for member lands and member service areas within the active management area in which such active management area water district is situated.

Sec. 16. Section 48-3774, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3774. Qualification as member land

- A. Real property qualifies as member land only if all of the following apply:
- 1. The real property is located in an active management area in which a part of the central Arizona project aqueduct is located.
- 2. The real property is not in a member service area or in a groundwater replenishment district under chapter 27 of this title.
- 3. The real property is not a water district member land or a parcel of water district member land, or in a water district member service area established under chapter 28 of this title.
- 4. The conditions stated in section 45-576.01, subsection 8, paragraphs 2 and 3 are satisfied with respect to the district at the time of the qualification.
- 5. The owner of the real property, or other person or entity, such as a property owners' or homeowners' association, if the person or entity has proper authority, records a declaration against the real property in the official records of the county where the real property is located that:
 - (a) Contains the legal description of the real property.
- (b) Declares the intent of the owner that the real property qualify as member land under this chapter.
- (c) Declares that, in order to permit the delivery of excess groundwater to the real property, each parcel of member land thereafter established at the real property is subject to a parcel replenishment obligation and to a replenishment assessment to be determined by the district.
- (d) Declares that qualifying as member land and subjecting the real property to the parcel replenishment obligation and the replenishment assessment directly benefits the real property by increasing the potential of the property to qualify for a certificate of assured water supply issued by the department of water resources pursuant to title 45, chapter 2, article 9, thereby allowing the development, use and enjoyment of the real property.
- (e) Contains a covenant that is binding against the real property and each parcel of member land thereafter established at the real property to pay

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to the district a replenishment assessment based on the parcel replenishment obligation in an amount determined by the district as necessary to allow the district to perform the groundwater replenishment obligation PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION A.

- (f) Declares that the district may impose a lien on the real property and each parcel of member land thereafter established at the real property to secure payment of the replenishment assessment AND THE REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE.
- (g) Declares that the covenants, conditions and restrictions contained in the declaration run with the land and bind all successors and assigns of the owner.
- B. The declaration may contain covenants, conditions and restrictions in addition to those prescribed by this section. The declaration may be an amendment or supplement to covenants, conditions and restrictions recorded against developed or undeveloped land.
- C. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, no real property qualifies as member land unless the municipal provider that will provide water to the real property that is subject to the declaration records in the official records of the county where the real property is located an instrument that contains both of the following:
- 1. The legal description of the real property and the tax assessor parcel numbers for the real property.
- 2. An agreement by the municipal provider to submit, TO THE DISTRICT by March 31 of each year after the recordation of the instrument, to the district and to the property tax assessor and treasurer of the county where the real property is located, the information prescribed by section 48-3775, subsection A and such other information as the district may reasonably request.
- Sec. 17. Title 48, chapter 22, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 48-3774.01, to read:

48-3774.01. Category 1 member lands; category 2 member lands

- A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, ALL REAL PROPERTY THAT QUALIFIES UNDER SECTION 48-3774 SHALL BE CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LAND. THE DISTRICT SHALL LEVY ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES AND ONE-TIME REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEES FOR CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LANDS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION E AND AS FOLLOWS:
- 1. FOR CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LANDS THAT QUALIFIED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, THE DISTRICT SHALL LEVY ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2004.
- 2. FOR CATEGORY 1 MEMBER LAND THAT QUALIFIES ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2004. A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE SHALL BE PAID BEFORE ISSUANCE OF A PUBLIC REPORT FOR EACH FINAL PLAT WITHIN THE MEMBER LAND AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 45-576, SUBSECTION C AND THE DISTRICT SHALL LEVY ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES AGAINST THE LAND INCLUDED WITHIN THE FINAL PLAT FOR TWENTY-THREE

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YEARS BEGINNING IN THE YEAR AFTER PAYMENT OF THE CORRESPONDING REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE.

- B. A PARCEL OF MEMBER LAND SHALL BE A CATEGORY 2 MEMBER LAND IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
 - 1. THE PARCEL OF MEMBER LAND IS OR WILL BE USED AS A GOLF COURSE.
- 2. THE PARCEL OF MEMBER LAND IS NOT SERVED BY A WATER PROVIDER THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES AS HAVING AN ASSURED WATER SUPPLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-576.
- 3. THE OWNER OF THE PARCEL NOTIFIES THE DISTRICT IN WRITING AT THE TIME OF QUALIFICATION THAT THE PARCEL IS TO BE CATEGORY 2 MEMBER LAND. FOR MEMBER LAND THAT QUALIFIED UNDER SECTION 48-3774 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004, SUCH NOTIFICATION MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30, 2004.
- C. THE DISTRICT SHALL NOT LEVY REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEES, REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES OR A RESERVE REPLACEMENT COMPONENT AGAINST CATEGORY 2 MEMBER LANDS.
- D. THE DISTRICT SHALL NOT USE CREDITS FROM A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 45-859.01 TO SATISFY ITS GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR CATEGORY 2 MEMBER LANDS. IF AS A RESULT THE DISTRICT INCURS ADDITIONAL COSTS AND EXPENSES IN MEETING ITS REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS FOR CATEGORY 2 MEMBER LANDS, THOSE ADDITIONAL COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE ATTRIBUTED SOLELY TO CATEGORY 2 MEMBER LANDS FOR PURPOSES OF SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1.
- Sec. 18. Section 48-3775, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3775. Reports

- A. Except as provided in subsection H of this section, on or before March 31 of each year after the recordation of the instrument described in section 48-3774, subsection C, each municipal provider delivering water to member land shall file a report with the district, with the director of water resources and with the assessor and treasurer of the county where the member lands are located that contains the following information for the preceding calendar year, which is the reporting year:
- 1. The amount of groundwater delivered by the municipal provider to each parcel of member land, identified by the applicable tax parcel number, and the basis for the calculation of the amount of groundwater delivered.
- 2. The amount of groundwater delivered by the municipal provider to the member land, and the basis for the calculation of the amount of groundwater delivered.
- 3. The amount of excess groundwater delivered by the municipal provider to the member land, and the basis for the calculation of the amount of excess groundwater delivered.
- 4. The parcel replenishment obligation of each parcel of the member land, identified by the applicable tax parcel number.
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- B. On or before March 31 of each year after the qualification of a municipal provider's service area as a member service area, the municipal provider shall file a report with the district and with the director of water resources that contains the following information for the preceding calendar year, which is the reporting year:
- 1. The amount of groundwater delivered by the municipal provider to all customers within the member service area, and the basis for the calculation of the amount of groundwater delivered.
- 2. The amount of excess groundwater delivered by the municipal provider to all customers within the member service area, and the basis for the calculation of the amount of excess groundwater delivered.
 - 3. Such other information as the district may require.
- C. The district shall confirm the calculation of the parcel replenishment obligation of each parcel of the member land and the service area replenishment obligation of each member service area, using the information provided in subsections A and B of this section.
- D. To the extent allowed by the assured water supply rules adopted by the department of water resources pursuant to section 45-576, subsection H, in calculating the excess groundwater of a member land or a member service area, the municipal provider shall reduce the amount of groundwater that may be used, consistent with such rules, at a member land or delivered for use within the member service area and that is not derived from credits on a straight line basis over the applicable period of years prescribed in such rules. The municipal provider may apply any credits applicable to the member land or the member service area as permitted under such rules.
- E. The district shall prepare and file with the director of water resources on or before August 31 of each year for the prior calendar year, which is the reporting year, an annual report that includes the following information:
- 1. The total amount of water that was stored by the district during the reporting year pursuant to each water storage permit issued to it under title 45, chapter 3.1.
- 2. The amount of water stored by the district during the reporting year to be credited to the district's conservation district account pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1.
- 3. THE AMOUNT OF WATER STORED BY THE DISTRICT DURING THE REPORTING YEAR TO BE CREDITED TO THE DISTRICT'S REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT PURSUANT TO TITLE 45, CHAPTER 3.1.
- 3. 4. The groundwater replenishment obligations for the reporting year and for the two calendar years preceding the reporting year, and the extent to which the district has completed the groundwater replenishment obligations applicable to each of those years.
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- 5. 6. The amount of water stored by the district during the reporting year to be credited to the district's long-term storage account pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1.
- 6. 7. The amount of long-term storage credits the district has transferred and credited to its conservation district account pursuant to title 45, chapter 3.1 during the reporting year.
- F. The district and the municipal providers required to file reports under this section shall maintain current, accurate records of the information required to be included in the reports.
- G. If a municipal provider fails to file a report as required by the district, the district may assess a penalty of up to one thousand dollars per day that the report is overdue.
- H. A municipal provider shall not file the report required by subsection A of this section for a parcel of member land that is included in the service area of a municipal provider that is a member service area that has been designated as having an assured water supply under section 45-576.
- Sec. 19. Section 48-3776, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3776. Storage and recovery outside the district

In order to efficiently manage sources of water for replenishment, the district may store and recover water outside of active management areas. Subject to section 48-3772, subsections E and G, the costs of operating storage and recovery facilities outside the active management areas shall be included as part of the costs incurred by the district.

Sec. 20. Section 48-3778, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3778. Annual assessment; general revenue law

A. On or before the third Monday of August of each year after the qualification of any real property as member land, the district shall charge an annual replenishment assessment against each parcel of member land that is subject to a parcel replenishment obligation. This charge becomes a lien on the parcel and shall be collected in the same manner as an ad valorem tax. The assessment ASSESSMENTS shall be charged for each active management area at a rate per acre-foot of groundwater CALCULATED BY THE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL BE sufficient to produce the amount of money estimated as needed to pay the costs and expenses to replenish groundwater established under section 48-3772, subsection A and taking into account any annual replenishment tax levied against municipal providers under section 48-3781.

to the board of supervisors of each county in which member lands are located, and these boards of supervisors at the time of levying general county taxes shall, take the necessary steps for collection of replenishment assessments against the parcels of member land within such county at the assessment rate fixed by the district. The replenishment assessment collected against a

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parcel of member land shall equal the assessment rate per acre-foot of groundwater fixed by the district for the applicable active management area multiplied by the parcel replenishment obligation of the parcel.

- C. The assessment when collected shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the special fund established under section 48-3773, subsection A, paragraph 3 to be spent by the district only for the purposes authorized by this article.
- D. All provisions of the general revenue laws for the collection of taxes on real estate for state and county purposes apply to the collection of the replenishment assessment imposed by this article, including all remedies of the revenue laws for collecting delinquent taxes and provisions relating to sales of real property for delinquent taxes. The exemptions applicable to ad valorem taxes do not apply to assessments charged pursuant to this section.
- Sec. 21. Section 48-3780, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3780. Qualification as a member service area; termination

- A. The service area of a municipal provider qualifies as a member service area only if all of the following apply:
- 1. The service area is located in an active management area in which a part of the central Arizona project aqueduct is located.
- 2. The municipal provider is not a member of a groundwater replenishment district established pursuant to chapter 27 of this title.
- 3. The service area of the municipal provider is not a water district member service area under chapter 28 of this title.
- 4. IF THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER OR ITS PREDECESSOR PREVIOUSLY TERMINATED MEMBER SERVICE AREA STATUS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE SERVICE AREA OR ANY PORTION OF THE SERVICE AREA HAS NOT BEEN A MEMBER SERVICE AREA FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS. THE DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT IF THE DISTRICT AND THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES DETERMINE THAT PREVIOUSLY UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES NECESSITATE REQUALIFICATION OF THE SERVICE AREA.
- 5. IF THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER OR ITS PREDECESSOR PREVIOUSLY TERMINATED MEMBER SERVICE AREA STATUS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER AGREES TO PAY TO THE DISTRICT ALL CHARGES THAT WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN IMPOSED BY THE DISTRICT HAD THE MEMBER SERVICE AREA STATUS REMAINED IN EFFECT DURING THE PERIOD SINCE TERMINATION BECAME EFFECTIVE.
- 4. 6. The conditions stated in section 45-576.01, subsection B, paragraphs 2 and 3 are satisfied with respect to the district at the time of the qualification.
- for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties where the service area is located that:
- (a) Has attached to it a current map of the municipal provider's service area...

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- (b) Declares the intent of the municipal provider that the service area qualify as a member service area under this chapter.
- (c) Declares that, for the privilege of withdrawing and delivering excess groundwater within its service area and to ensure the continued exercise of that privilege, the municipal provider shall pay an annual replenishment tax to be determined by the district.
- (d) Contains a covenant, binding against the municipal provider, to pay to the district an annual replenishment tax based on the service area replenishment obligation in an amount determined by the district as necessary to allow the district to perform the groundwater replenishment obligations.
- (e) Authorizes the municipal provider to enter into a written commitment with the district in the form and substance satisfactory to the district regarding payment of the annual replenishment tax.
- (f) Declares that the resolution applies to the service area of the municipal provider as it currently exists and to all additions to and extensions of the service area.
- (g) Declares that the resolution is irrevocable for as long as the district is obligated to perform the groundwater replenishment obligations.
- B. A SERVICE AREA PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER SERVICE AREA PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION MAY TERMINATE ITS MEMBER SERVICE AREA STATUS ONLY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:
- 1. THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER FOR THE MEMBER SERVICE AREA HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT REQUESTING TERMINATION OF MEMBER SERVICE AREA STATUS.
- 2. THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER FOR THE MEMBER SERVICE AREA HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES REQUESTING MODIFICATION OF THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER'S ASSURED WATER SUPPLY DESIGNATION UNDER SECTION 45-576 THAT ELIMINATES THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER'S RELIANCE ON MEMBER SERVICE AREA STATUS.
- 3. THE APPLICATIONS PROVIDE EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES THAT THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER HAS OBTAINED A SUBSTITUTE SUPPLY OF WATER, OTHER THAN GROUNDWATER, THAT IS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES TO BE CONSISTENT WITH ASSURED WATER SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-576 AND THAT IS SUFFICIENT TO ELIMINATE THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER'S RELIANCE ON MEMBER SERVICE AREA STATUS.
- 4. THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES HAS APPROVED THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER'S APPLICATION TO MODIFY ITS ASSURED WATER SUPPLY DESIGNATION BASED ON THE ADDITION OF THE SUBSTITUTE WATER SUPPLY.
- THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER PUBLISHES A RESOLUTION ONCE EACH WEEK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES WHERE THE SERVICE AREA IS LOCATED THAT:
- (a) HAS ATTACHED TO IT A CURRENT MAP OF THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER'S SERVICE AREA.
- (b) DECLARES THE INTENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER TO TERMINATE THE SERVICE AREA'S MEMBER SERVICE AREA STATUS.

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- (c) DECLARES THAT THE DISTRICT IS NO LONGER OBLIGATED TO PERFORM THE GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE SERVICE AREA.
- (d) REVOKES THE RESOLUTION FOR THE MEMBER SERVICE AREA PROVIDED FOR IN SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 7 OF THIS SECTION.
- 6. ALL AMOUNTS OWED BY THE WATER PROVIDER ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBER SERVICE AREA TO THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN PAID.
- 7. THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER HAS PAID OR MADE ARRANGEMENTS SUITABLE TO THE DISTRICT FOR REPAYMENT OF ANY CAPITAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT SPECIFICALLY ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBER SERVICE AREA.
- Sec. 22. Title 48, chapter 22, article 4, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 48-3780.01, to read:
 - 48-3780.01. Member service area; replenishment reserve
- A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, MUNICIPAL PROVIDERS WITH SERVICE AREAS THAT QUALIFY UNDER SECTION 48-3780 SHALL PAY TO THE DISTRICT ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES AND REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION E, AND AS FOLLOWS:
- 1: A MUNICIPAL PROVIDER WITH A MEMBER SERVICE AREA THAT QUALIFIED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2004 SHALL PAY ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2004.
- 2. A MUNICIPAL PROVIDER WITH A MEMBER SERVICE AREA THAT QUALIFIES ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2004 SHALL:
- (a) PAY ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH EXCESS GROUNDWATER INCREMENT FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS BEGINNING IN THE YEAR AFTER THE EXCESS GROUNDWATER INCREMENT IS REPORTED.
- (b) PAY A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING QUALIFICATION.
- 3. IF THE ASSURED WATER SUPPLY DESIGNATION OF A MUNICIPAL PROVIDER WITH A MEMBER SERVICE AREA IS MODIFIED IN A MANNER THAT INCREASES THE DISTRICT'S PROJECTED ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATION AS REPORTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES PURSUANT TO SECTION 45-576, SUBSECTION F, THE MUNICIPAL PROVIDER SHALL:
- (a) PAY ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH EXCESS GROUNDWATER INCREMENT FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS BEGINNING IN THE YEAR AFTER THE EXCESS GROUNDWATER INCREMENT IS REPORTED. SUCH CHARGES ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES DUE UNDER PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2.
- (b) PAY A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN THE YEAR FOLLOWING MODIFICATION.
- B. THE DISTRICT SHALL NOT LEVY REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEES, REPLENISHMENT RESERVE CHARGES OR A RESERVE REPLACEMENT COMPONENT ASSOCIATED WITH REPLENISHMENT ACTIVITIES PERFORMED UNDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 10.
- C. THE DISTRICT SHALL NOT USE CREDITS FROM A REPLENISHMENT RESERVE SUBACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER SECTION 45-859.01 TO SATISFY ITS REPLENISHMENT OBLIGATIONS UNDER A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 48-3772, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 10.

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Sec. 23. Section 48-3781, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

48-3781. Annual replenishment tax; contract replenishment tax

- A. On or before the third Monday of August of each year after the qualification of the member service area of any municipal provider, the district shall levy a replenishment tax against each municipal provider having a qualified member service area for the privilege of withdrawing and delivering excess groundwater within the member service area. The replenishment tax shall be levied for each active management area at an assessment rate per acre-foot of groundwater CALCULATED BY THE DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE AND SHALL BE sufficient to produce the amount of money estimated as needed to pay the costs and expenses to replenish groundwater established under section 48-3772, subsection A, and taking into account any annual replenishment assessment levied under section 48-3778.
- B. The district shall promptly transmit a statement to each municipal provider having a member service area stating the amount of the annual replenishment tax AND ANY REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE DUE UNDER SECTION 48-3780.01. The annual replenishment tax to be collected from a municipal provider shall equal the assessment rate per acre-foot of groundwater fixed by the district for the applicable active management area multiplied by the service area replenishment obligation of the municipal provider.
- C. On or before the third Monday of August of each year after the district enters into any contract to replenish water pursuant to section 48-3772, subsection B, paragraph 9, the district shall levy a tax against each municipal provider that is a party to a contract to replenish groundwater at the assessment rate provided in the applicable contract. The district shall promptly transmit a statement to each municipal provider that is a party to a contract to replenish groundwater stating the amount of the replenishment tax due under the contract.
- D. On or before October 15 of each year, each municipal provider that has a member service area shall pay to the district an amount equal to the annual replenishment tax levied by the district AND ANY REPLENISHMENT RESERVE FEE DUE UNDER SECTION 48-3780.01.
- E. On or before October 15 of each year, each municipal provider that is a party to a contract to replenish groundwater under section 48-3772, subsection B, paragraph 9 shall pay to the district the contract replenishment tax levied by the district pursuant to the contract.
- collected by the district shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the special fund established pursuant to section 48-3773, subsection A, paragraph 3 and shall be expended by the district only for the purposes authorized by this article.

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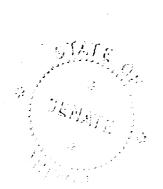
G. If a municipal provider is delinquent for more than ninety days in the payment of its replenishment tax, the district shall promptly notify the director of water resources of the delinquency.

Sec. 24. Delayed effective date

Section 48-3713, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2000, chapter 142, section 3 and this act, is effective from and after June 30, 2005.

APPRINED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 6, 2003.

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